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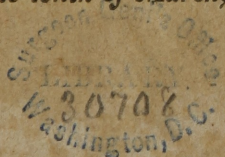
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A COLLECTION  
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OF  
MRS. ANN MATTINGLY,

*Which took place in the City of Washington, D. C.  
on the tenth of March, 1824.*



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***DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, to wit:***

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 21st day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the forty-eighth, James Wilson, of the said district hath deposited in the office of the Clerk of the District Court for the District of Columbia, the title of a book the right whereof he claims as proprietor in the words following, to wit: "A Collection of Affidavits and Certificates, relative to the wonderful cure of Mrs. Ann Mattingly, which took place in the City of Washington, D. C. on the tenth of March, 1824."

In conformity to the act of the Congress of the United States, entitled "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of Maps, Charts, and Books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned"—and also to the act entitled "an act supplementary to an act entitled 'an act for the encouragement of learning by securing the copies of Maps, Charts, and Books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned,' and extending the benefits thereof, to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the public seal of my office, the day and year aforesaid.

EDMUND I. LEE,  
*Clerk of the District Court for the District of Columbia.*



## TO THE PUBLIC.

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The astonishing cure of Mrs. Ann Mattingly, of this city, which those who were eye-witnesses to it, hesitate not to declare miraculous, has caused great excitement in the public mind, in every part of the United States, as was naturally to be expected.

In order to afford all an opportunity of forming a correct opinion of the event, I now lay before the public the depositions of several characters, of known veracity and respectability, who were well acquainted with Mrs. Mattingly's case. Many more might have been procured had it been deemed necessary.

Subjoined is a letter from the Archbishop of Baltimore, to the Rector and assistant Pastor of this church.

WILLIAM MATTHEWS.

Rector of St. Patrick's Church,  
City of Washington, D. C.

May 6th, 1824.

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*A letter from the Most Reverend Ambrose Marechal, Archbishop of Baltimore, to the Rev. Messrs. Matthews and Dubuisson.*

*Baltimore, April 24, 1824*

REV. AND DEAR GENTLEMEN.

I have read, with considerable attention, the certificates relative both to the long and dangerous sickness of Mrs. A. Mattingly, and to the instantaneous and admirable cure, which she has obtained from the mercy of Almighty God.

Such is the number of the witnesses—their well known integrity, candour, and intelligence, that their testimonies are certainly entitled to the greatest respect and credibility, about facts, which were obvious

to their senses, and which they had frequent opportunities of observing; and as the reading of these certificates may prove to the faithful a motive and occasion of praising the infinite goodness and power of God, and of serving him with increased fervor and fidelity, you have my full approbation to render them public, by means of the press.

I remain, with respect,

Rev. and Dear Gentlemen,

Your humble servant.

AMB. ARCHBP. BALT.



# COLLECTION, &c.

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## No. 1.

MRS. ANN MATTINGLY.

*District of Columbia, City and } Sect.  
County of Washington.*

On this 24th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, personally appears before me, a Justice of the Peace, for the county aforesaid, Mrs. Ann Mattingly, of the City of Washington, who being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that she is now about forty years of age, as she believes; that during the summer of the year 1817, she began to feel an uneasy sensation in her left side, which continued gradually to increase in painfulness, and in a short time concentrated to a point on the left side of her left breast, when she could distinctly feel a small lump at that spot, about the size of a pigeon's egg, which became so bad, as to be rendered extremely painful by the slightest touch of her finger or pressure of her clothes. That some time in the month of September, of the same year, at the request of her brother Thomas, she showed the part affected to Doctors Jones, Cutbush, and M'Williams, the two first named of whom directed external applications of hemlock and mercurial ointment, and prescribed other remedies, but the means resorted to, did not disperse the lump, or produce any relief whatever. That on the Monday after Easter Monday, in the year 1818, she was seized with a violent puking, which continued at intervals, for several hours, during which Dr. Jones was called in, and prescribed for her; that her indisposition continued to increase for several days, when it assumed a more alarming aspect. During this period, she was visited by Dr. Blake, in aid of Dr. Jones, and was by them put under a course of mercury, which produced a salivation of several weeks continuance, but from which she derived no more benefit than from the external applications. During a year or more, after this period, she was unable to leave her bed, or for months at a time to turn herself in it, without assistance. That during this period, Dr. Jones almost constantly visited her, from once to three times a day, and often at night, without affording any other than inconsiderable and temporary relief; that she was also occasionally visited during this period by Dr. Blake, and once by Dr. Shaaf, from neither of whom did she derive more relief than had been afforded by the

prescriptions of Dr. Jones, and that she continued in that most distressing condition, until the tenth of the present month; the violence of her suffering, however, occasionally varying, and at times so far abating as to admit of her sitting up, moving about in her room, and sometimes sewing.

She further deposeth and saith, that during the whole period of her illness, since about March, 1818, she does not recollect any moment at which she was free from severe pain, and that, for the most part, her sufferings were so excruciating as to deprive her of all strength and power of action, and that she frequently fainted from the extreme acuteness of her pains; that she has, during the said period, been in the habit of vomiting large quantities of blood and offensive matter, and that she has no recollection of having, at any time, spit without emitting some portion of blood. That generally, her sensations appeared to her to be such as might be occasioned by boring her side, immediately under and next to her arm, with an auger, a constant tweaking or pinching of her side with numerous pincers, and a cutting of her flesh with sharp instruments; that in the lump on the side of her breast, which increased somewhat in size, and continued until her final recovery, she has frequently felt sudden and most acute pains, which seemed to shoot off in every direction from that spot, causing her agonies which are indescribable.

That immediately under her shoulder blade, in her left shoulder, and her left arm from her shoulder to her elbow, during the whole period of her illness, she felt pains nearly as severe as that in her side, and that she was only enabled to use the lower part of that arm and her left hand, by supporting her elbow with her right hand or resting it on something else—that she constantly felt a tightness across her breast, as if lashed tightly round with a cord, and an internal burning and smarting sensation, resembling, as nearly as she can conceive, the exposing of a raw burn to a hot fire. That, for about six months immediately preceding the moment of her restoration to health, she had been afflicted with most distressing fits of coughing, and latterly with daily chills and fevers. That during her most afflicting and painful paroxysms, her tongue has been parched with a constant fever, and seemed to her to be as hard and rough as a nutmeg grater, and that she had constantly a bad and disagreeable taste in her mouth. That since the commencement of her illness, she experienced a general loss of appetite; but during the periods of most severe suffering, she has been unable, for several weeks together, to take any solid or substantial food; and the small quantities of tea, which she at times attempted to take, her stomach frequently rejected. That she was often seized with severe cramp in her breast, in her side, and in her shoulder, and sometimes in her stomach and extremities.



She further deposeth and saith, that pursuant to the directions of Prince Hohenlohe, a Catholic Priest, of Bamberg, in Germany, as communicated to her by the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson, Assistant-Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, in the City of Washington, she performed a novena, or nine day's devotion, in honor of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, commencing on the first day of the present month; and having made her confession to the Rev. Mr. Matthews, Rector of the Church aforesaid, the Holy Eucharist was administered to her by the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson, at a little after four o'clock, on the morning of Wednesday, the tenth of this month. That, in consequence of the hard and dry state of her tongue at the time of receiving the blessed sacrament, five or six minutes elapsed, before she was able to swallow it; but directly after having done so, she found that she was relieved from all that pain and sickness, which, at the moment of her receiving, was, if possible, greater than at any former time, and so intense, as to threaten her immediate dissolution; and she immediately found herself able to arise from her bed, without any assistance, and in the presence of the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson and her attending relatives and friends, kneel in thanksgiving to Almighty God. That, from the moment of her restoration, her appetite has been perfectly good; and while she is rapidly regaining her natural strength and flesh, no symptom of disease, or the slightest indisposition of any kind, has been felt by her, and that in the place of the former disagreeable taste in her mouth, she has constantly had a sweet taste, nearly resembling that of loaf sugar.

Finally, she declares, that, at the moment, of receiving the blessed sacrament, she felt so extremely ill, that believing the time arrived when she must either die, or through the mercy and goodness of God, be restored to health, she made this mental prayer or aspiration: "Lord Jesus! thy holy will be done."

Sworn to before

R. S. BRISCOE.

*Justice of the Peace.*

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Supplement to No. 1.

MRS. ANN MATTINGLY.

Of the many hundreds of persons who visited me since my extraordinary cure, several have asked me if it was not effected by the breaking of an abscess in my side, and a copious discharge from it. I consider myself bound in gratitude to God, the sole author of my restoration to health, to prevent the propagation of such an erroneous opinion, by solemnly declaring, that I had no knowledge of any abscess in my side.

and of course I perceived no breaking or discharge of any. Such, in fact, was my exhausted and debilitated state, that it was with great difficulty I could spit at all during that night, and what I did spit was in smaller quantity than usual. Equally erroneous is the opinion, that my imagination effected my cure. I had long expected the hour when Almighty God, in his mercy, would deliver me from my sufferings, by withdrawing me from a world, to me a scene of misery. I believed that hour was now at hand: with calm resignation I awaited it. The lump on my side was so inflamed and so painful, that I could not suffer my arm to touch it; and the sinews of my arm being contracted, I could not keep it entirely from touching my side. In this distressing situation, I, calmly and without agitation of mind, awaited the final close of my earthly miseries; when suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, all pain left me, my body was entirely healed, and I found myself in perfect health; a blessing of God, which I have continued to enjoy since, without interruption, to the present moment.

*Washington City, May 3d, 1824.*

ANN MATTINGLY.

Sworn to before me, a Justice of the Peace, for the City and County of Washington, District of Columbia.

JAMES HOBAN, [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

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No. 2.

CAPT. THOMAS CARBERY.

*City and County of Washington, }  
District of Columbia. } Sct.*

On this 24th day of March, 1824, personally appears before me, the subscriber, chief justice of the United States, Thomas Carbery, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that the statement of Mrs. Ann Mattingly's case, marked A, and dated the 15th of March, 1823, was at that time drawn up by himself, and certified by Dr. William Jones; that every thing stated therein is true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. He further deposeth and saith that his object and reason for making that statement of Mrs. Mattingly's indisposition, and getting it certified by Dr. Jones, was, that it might be transmitted (through a Reverend gentleman of this city) to the Prince Hohenlohe, a Catholic Priest, at Bamberg, in Germany, who, it was said, and confidently believed, had performed, by the holy sacrifice of mass and other prayers offered up to God, many astonishing and mi-



raculous cures in Europe. The want of a proper conveyance, however, prevented the Reverend gentleman (he believes) from sending it. He further deposeth and saith, that his sister, Mrs. Ann Mattingly, has been living with him since the year 1815; that she was a woman of very industrious habits, uniformly cheerful, with a good temper and disposition, and that she enjoyed excellent health, till the sickness alluded to in the statement marked A; that, during her indisposition, he consulted with many physicians about her complaint; that they generally pronounced it an internal cancer, and all of them unhesitatingly declared that it would kill her, and that no medicines or external applications, would, in their opinion, prolong her life. He further deposeth and saith, that it was the most distressing case of sickness he ever saw or heard of, and that it was pronounced so by others; that although she was a woman of great fortitude and resignation, he has seen her several times, in a day, entirely deprived of muscular action, by the intensity of the pain, and that she has frequently laid in such a situation, for twenty or thirty minutes at a time, as to create doubts whether she was alive or dead. The medicine generally administered in those paroxysms, was laudanum, of which from two to four hundred drops have been given in a day, without producing much abatement of the pain, or apparent change or effect on the system; that it was not, he believes, one of those cases that could at all be affected by imagination, nor does he think she had any expectation or particular anxiety to recover. For some time before her restoration, the whole system was prostrated. The severity of the cancer had almost deprived her of the power to articulate—the left side and arm were very much contracted—her pulse was scarcely perceptible to the nicest touch—her tongue was hard, rough, and dark—her cough was the most incessant and distressing he ever heard, with chills, and her cheeks flushed with a hectic fever—her countenance greatly distorted with pain—she could not move herself in the bed, and had a constant spitting and puking of blood and fetid matter, that was almost insupportable. But all this complicate machinery of the human system, so much deranged and out of order, beyond the reach of medicine and medical skill, was, in the twinkling of an eye, restored to the most regular and healthful action. It was a little after four o'clock, on the morning of the 10th instant, that Mrs. Mattingly was restored to health; since which time, she has been walking about, and has not complained of the least pain or uneasiness whatever, and she is now fast gaining her strength and flesh. The deponent further states, that on the morning of her recovery she eat a hearty breakfast, and that her appetite has since continued to be good; her bodily strength has been put to the severest test, in receiving many hundred visitants, drawn

to his house by this signal and wonderful work of God. He further deposeeth and saith, that the lump on her side alluded to in his statement marked A, continued till the moment of her restoration; that it had considerably increased in size, was very hard, and the surface about it much inflamed; that, in a few minutes after her restoration, he felt her pulse, and found it to be perfectly regular and healthful—that, for the first time in six years, her spittle was white, and like that of a healthy person—that the lump on her side was gone, and in fact, to all appearance, there was not the slightest vestige of disease left.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year above written.

J. MARSHALL,

*Chief Justice of the U. S.*



A.

*Washington City, 15th March, 1823.*

During the summer of 1817, my sister, Mrs. Ann Mattingly, then about 34 years of age, began occasionally to complain of a slight pain in the left breast, and soon perceived that there was a small internal lump or hardness, (now about the size of a pigeon's egg,) at which the pain centered and was increased by the least pressure: it was not perceptible to the eye, and scarcely so to the nicest touch of the finger. She seemed to experience no material change in her health, which had been generally good, till the Monday after Easter Monday, in the spring of 1818, when she was taken very suddenly and dangerously ill, so much so, that we expected every day to be her last. Several physicians were in attendance, and many medicines used, but so far from effecting a cure, they seemed to afford little or no relief. I believe her disease has been treated as an internal cancer, though some of the physicians dissented from this opinion, and concluded, from the sudden and unexpected nature of the attack, that it must be something else, which could not be identified with any disease that had come within the scope of their practice or reading. Five years have now elapsed since she was first taken. To attempt to convey an idea of what she has suffered during this period, would be futile indeed: suffice it to say, that she has lived four or five weeks at a time, without taking any food or nourishment, except a little tea, and has often thrown up a quart of blood in a day, some of it like liver. Even these were nothing, when compared with the excruciating pain she has almost constantly experienced since the year 1818. We have often believed



her to be dead, and more than thirty times said the departing prayers by her—even now, whilst I am attempting a description of her disease, she is puking blood and writhing in the most heart-rending agonies, that can possibly be conceived, and imploring the aid of God, to enable her to bear with fortitude and resignation this direful affliction. Many persons in the vigor of youth and in the prime of life, who have witnessed her situation, and daily expected to be called to attend her to the grave, have themselves descended to the tomb. Since Mrs. Mattingly was first taken ill, she has been confined to her room, but not constantly to the bed; her industrious habits would not permit her to be idle, when she could be usefully employed; I have often found her sewing or knitting; when she was not only in great pain, but so much exhausted, that she could scarcely sit in a chair. Dr. William Jones, our family physician, has been attending on Mrs. Mattingly since she was first taken, administering and trying every thing, that he supposed could give her relief—either permanent or temporary; but so mysterious and inflexible has the disease proved, that his skill and ingenuity in the science and practice of medicine, has, in this instance, been but illy rewarded. Mrs. Mattingly has two children, a son and a daughter; and is now a widow, having lost her husband but a few months since.

THOMAS CARBERY.

The statement of Mrs. Mattingly's case, by her brother, is substantially correct; hers has certainly been one of more suffering than I ever witnessed. His description of this intractable disease has been so full, that any thing additional would be superfluous.

W. JONES.

In addition to what I have stated above, I have long since believed, and still believe, that Mrs. Mattingly's case is out of the reach of medicine.

W. JONES.

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No. 3.

MISS RUTH CARBERY, & MISS CATHARINE  
CARBERY.

*City and County of Washington, }  
District of Columbia. } Sct.*

March 20th, 1824.

Personally appear before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the county and District aforesaid, Ruth Carbery and Catharine Carbery, sisters of Thomas Carbery, Mayor of the city of Washington, and of Mrs. Ann Mattingly, who

being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, depose and say: that for the last six years, Mrs. Ann Mattingly has been confined to the house with a most violent and distressing malady, so violent as to make them consider the continuation of her existence as a matter of great astonishment. Her diet, for several weeks together, consisted of tea or coffee, but sparingly used; and it often happened, that this was no sooner taken into her stomach than it was ejected; sometimes with blood and sometimes with offensive matter, mixed with it. That, during these six years, she never left her bed for any considerable time, nor was out of her brother's house, but on two occasions: one when she was removed from his former to his present residence; the other, for the purpose of visiting an aged and favorite servant of the family, who was thought to be dying, and whose habitation was within ten yards of the door. That even in this short walk she needed and received assistance; and slight as that exercise was, it seemed greatly to affect her, as a copious puking of blood immediately followed it. As to the effects of this disease upon their sister, the deponents declare their belief, that the pains must have been very acute, for the slightest motion threw her into violent agonies, and in some instances produced faintness; and that the apprehension of similar results, often prevented their making up her bed, for two weeks at a time. They further depose, that for several months before the confinement of their said sister to her bed, they perceived and felt a lump upon her left side, a little below her breast, which grew to the size of an egg. That the said lump could not be touched, however lightly, without causing her considerable pain. That upon several occasions they thought she was a dying, and said the departing prayers by her. The deponents further say, that this continued to be the general condition of their sister, up to about three weeks before her recovery; from which time, she manifestly appeared to be growing much worse than they had ever seen her, all the symptoms of her case appearing to indicate that her death was fast approaching and that, up to the very moment before her sudden restoration to perfect health, these symptoms seemed more and more alarming. They further depose, that they were present, on the morning of the 10th inst. when she received the blessed sacrament from the hands of the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson; and that, in a few minutes afterwards, a little after four o'clock, they beheld her rising in her bed—putting on her stockings, which they believe she had not done for some time before—leaving her bed, and falling on her knees before the adorable sacrament. They further depose, that on the same day hundreds came to see her, with most of whom she shook hands and conversed, with manifest ease and satisfaction.



That she eat several times on the same morning, and has continued, ever since, to shew as good an appetite as other persons in perfect health. They further depose, that they have not heard her complain, since the said tenth, of any indisposition whatever; but, on the contrary, she has uniformly declared herself to be perfectly well. And finally, these deponents say, that for about six months preceding their sister's sudden cure, she was afflicted with long, and apparently, very painful fits of hard and dry coughing, and almost every fit was followed by a vomiting of blood, often mingled with corrupt and very offensive matter. That, during the space of about the last three weeks of her illness, she had daily chills and fevers, generally preceded by cold sweats and coldness of the extremities, and during the continuance of her chills, there was little or no intermission in her coughing.

Given under my hand and seal, on the day and year above written.

C. H. W. WHARTON, [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

**No. 4.**

**MRS. SYBILLA CARBERY.**

*District of Columbia, City and }  
County of Washington. } Sct.*

On this 25th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1824, personally appears before me, the subscriber, an Alderman for the City, and a Justice of the Peace, for the County aforesaid, Mrs. Sybilla Carbery, widow of the late General Henry Carbery, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that she has been intimately acquainted with Mrs. Ann Mattingly, about thirty years; who was of a very cheerful and uniform temper, active, industrious, and healthy, till about the summer of 1817, when she began to complain of a pain in the left side. In the spring of 1818, the said Ann Mattingly was confined to her bed, and continued therein, as she thinks, for about a year, before she could sit up. That, from the commencement of her indisposition to the date of her restoration, she has been generally confined to the bed, and has subsisted for weeks at a time, without food or nourishment, except a little tea or coffee. That since she was first taken, she has been almost constantly spitting and vomiting thick blood and fetid matter, so offensive at times, that this deponent could hardly stay in the room; and that she seemed to be constantly suffering under the most severe pains conceivable, which were often accompanied with severe cramps.

in her stomach, breast, and limbs, and with profuse cold sweats, attended with coldness of the extremities and fainting. That she has always understood her disease to have been an internal cancer; and that, so far as she has been capable of judging of the nature and severity of her case, no medicine, or medical skill, could have restored her to health, or given her any but very temporary relief. That she discovered no particular anxiety in Mrs. Mattingly to recover, and that she appeared to be perfectly composed, both immediately before and after her restoration. The deponent further states, that during the protracted sickness of Mrs. Mattingly, she has often read the prayers for a departing soul by her, and has frequently believed her to be dead. That for the three weeks preceding her recovery, she was constantly with her, and during that time, expected every day would be her last. That, on the first day of this present month, this deponent, at the request of the said Mrs. Mattingly, commenced a devotion in honor of the most Holy Name of Jesus, which she continued daily, to the ninth day of this month, inclusive; and was present in the chamber of the said Mrs. Mattingly, a little after four o'clock on the morning of the tenth of this month, and saw the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson administer to her the sacrament of the the Holy Eucharist. That, a few minutes after the said Mrs. Mattingly had received the blessed sacrament, this deponent saw her arise in her bed, and heard her exclaim: "Lord Jesus! what have I done to deserve so much?" or some similar expression; and saw her, the aforesaid Mrs. Mattingly, in a few minutes afterwards, arise from her bed, draw on her stockings, and fall upon her knees, to offer up her thanksgivings to Almighty God.

This deponent further deposeth and saith, that the said Mrs. Mattingly, at about eleven o'clock, on the night of the ninth of this month, in answer to the question which this deponent put to her, of how she then felt, replied: "I am almost gone. If I die, aunt Carbery, will you love my children, and pray for me?" and that in so weak a voice, as to seem almost extinct, which compelled this deponent to apply her ear close to Mrs. Mattingly's lips, to distinguish what she said; and that, at a little after two o'clock, on the morning of the tenth instant, when this deponent again asked her the same question, as mentioned above, she answered in the same low voice: "Almost gone."

This deponent finally deposeth and saith, that when Mrs. Mattingly arose from her bed, on the morning of the tenth instant, she appeared to this deponent to be in perfect health, with the exception of her being greatly reduced in flesh, and although her face was emaciated, her countenance was serene and cheerful; and this deponent having constantly resided in



the house, with the said Mrs. Mattingly, since the tenth of this month, she declares that there has been no indication of the least degree of sickness in her, up to the present moment; and that, so far from there remaining any symptom of the malady which afflicted her so long, Mrs. Mattingly has evidently continued to increase in flesh and strength, from the moment of her restoration, on the morning of the tenth instant, to the present time.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Washington, on the day and year first above written.

JAMES HOBAN, [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

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No. 5.

MISS ANNE MARIA FITZGERALD.

I have been intimately acquainted with Mrs. Ann Mattingly about fourteen years, and since my first acquaintance with her, she has been distinguished for her exemplary piety and resignation under extraordinary afflictions, as well as for remarkable uniformity of temper and cheerfulness of disposition. For upwards of six years, she has been afflicted with a most distressing malady, during which I have been in the habit of visiting her almost every week, and sometimes two or three times a week, often remaining with her several days together. My opportunities, therefore, of forming an opinion of the extent of her sufferings, have been the best, and enable me to say, that they have appeared to exceed those of any other person I ever knew: Indeed, I have often supposed her to be dying, and several times actually dead. I have often seen her throw up large quantities of blood, with corrupt matter, which was so offensive, that I found it extremely unpleasant to remain in the room. A physician, who had examined Mrs. Mattingly, declared several times, in my presence, that her malady was, in his opinion, an internal cancer; and I have always understood that it was considered so by others. I have frequently felt and seen a lump on her left side, apparently as large as an egg, a little pointed on the surface, and sometimes much inflamed, and in which, when lightly touched or pressed with a finger, Mrs. Mattingly complained of an excessive pain, which she said thrilled with a kind of burning sensation in her left side, and through her left arm, to her fingers; and she has often complained, that she felt as if a person was boring her side, and pinching pieces out of it. For six months prior to her recovery, she had the most distressing cough I ever witnessed, accompanied, for the last few weeks, with chills and fevers, cold clammy sweats day and night, and severe cramps in her breast, side, and limbs, and sometimes in

her stomach. Her sight was so much impaired at times, that she told me she could hardly recognize me; and for the few last days of her illness she complained of a constant noise in her head, resembling the tolling of bells, which affected her hearing very much.

At Mrs. Mattingly's request, I joined in a Novena, in honor of the most Holy Name of Jesus, from the first of this month to the 9th, inclusive. In the afternoon of the 9th, I visited her, and remained with her until the next morning. During the evening, she requested me to bathe her head with vinegar, as she said she felt a violent pain in it; and said, that she believed mortification had taken place, as she felt unusual kind of pains in her side and breast. At about 4 o'clock in the morning of the 10th inst. the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson arrived at Capt. Carbery's, for the purpose of administering to Mrs. Mattingly the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The delay occasioned by his necessary previous preparation, and a violent fit of coughing with which Mrs. Mattingly was seized, was about fifteen minutes, when I saw him put the blessed sacrament on her tongue. In consequence of the dry and parched state of her tongue and mouth, she appeared to have some difficulty in swallowing it; but in a few minutes after she had received it, I saw her raise herself in the bed, with her hands clasped, and heard her exclaim in an audible voice: "Lord Jesus! what have I done to deserve so great a favor?" The Rev. Mr. Dubuisson then asked Mrs. Mattingly how she felt. She replied, "I am perfectly well." He then enquired: "Entirely free from pain?" She replied: "I am entirely free from pain—no pain at all."—"Not even there," said he, "pointing to her left side?" "No," she replied. Her stockings were then brought to her, which she drew on, and got out of bed, with apparent ease, and without assistance. She then knelt, and continued about a quarter of an hour before the blessed sacrament, which was on an altar which had been prepared for the occasion. About this time, her brother Thomas came into the room; when she arose from her knees, and raised her arms, and said, in a transport of gratitude: "See what God has done for me: I have not done this for years." After this, she joined the family in prayer, for a considerable time, without the least apparent inconvenience.

Since Mrs. Mattingly's recovery, I have been in company with her frequently, and she has continued to be, and now is, to all appearance, in perfect health.

ANNE MARIA FITZGERALD.

*District of Columbia, City and }  
County of Washington. } Sect.*

On this 31st day of March, in the year of our Lord 1824 personally appears Miss Anne Maria Fitzgerald, who being



of lawful age, makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the foregoing statement of facts are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

C. H. W. WHARTON.

*Justice of the Peace.*

No. 6.

*Miss Ruth Carbery, Miss Catharine Carbery, Mrs. Sybilla Carbery, Miss Susan Mattingly, Miss Anne Maria Fitzgerald.*

Whereas, some persons, not acquainted with the circumstances of Mrs. Mattingly's late extraordinary and sudden restoration to health, have attributed her cure to the breaking of an abscess, and a copious discharge of its contents; We, who passed the night of the 9th of March, with her, in her chamber, attended on her, was present at, and witnessed her wonderful cure, deem it a tribute due to truth, and to the public at large, to give correct information on this subject, which has caused so much excitement in the public mind. We, therefore, solemnly declare, that no such occurrence took place in Mrs. Mattingly's regard; that we saw no symptom of any abscess; perceived, no extraordinary discharge whatever, on the contrary, she was so weak and low, that she appeared to spit with great pain and difficulty, and very little at a time.

(Signed,) SYBILLA CARBERY,  
RUTH CARBERY,  
CATHARINE CARBERY,  
ANNE MARIA FITZGERALD,  
MARY SUSAN MATTINGLY.

Sworn to this 3d day of May, 1824, before me, a Justice of the Peace, for the City and County of Washington, District of Columbia.

JAMES HOBAN, [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

No. 7

MISS MARY HOPEWELL.

*Washington City, March 24th, 1824.*

I have been acquainted with Mrs. Ann Mattingly from her infancy, and have visited her very frequently during her illness for the last six years. I have heard the affidavits of Mrs. Sybilla Carbery, and of Mrs. Mattingly read, and having had many opportunities of being acquainted with most of the facts enumerated therein, I have no hesitation in declaring my unqualified belief in the truth of those depositions.

MARY HOPEWELL.

Sworn to, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the county of Washington in the District of Columbia, on the day above written,

CHARLES H. W. WHARTON. [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace,*

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No. 8.

MR. JAMES CARBERY

My sister, Mrs. Ann Mattingly, was afflicted with a disease for about six years. I did not live with Mrs. Mattingly, but saw her frequently, during the whole time of her sickness. For sometime previous to her confinement to the bed, she complained of a severe pain, proceeding from a hard lump, on the left side; which through the whole course of her sickness continued to be the seat of the disease, and from which the stomach was severely afflicted. Of the precise character of the disease, my want of knowledge, in this respect, will not authorize an opinion; it was, certainly, not a common one. Its effects were distressing beyond description.

The violence of the disease was intermittent. The spells were always attended by an excruciating pain in the left side and stomach, vomiting of blood, in large quantities, high fevers, loss of appetite, and occasionally cramps. During the existence of these spells, fainting from weakness and excessive pain, was not unfrequent. Their duration, as well as I can recollect, was from three to five months, and the whole time dissolution was daily expected. The transition from this state which was of extreme suffering, to such intervals of comparative ease, as to admit of her sitting up, walking about the room, and performing light work, such as sewing and knitting, was slow and tardy, but to my knowledge, she was never free from pain and spitting of blood. I always believed, from the commencement, that the disease was mortal. This is but an imperfect outline of the sufferings which Mrs. Mattingly endured for six years. It is impossible to delineate all the incidents of her unhappy situation; whatever shape her sufferings assumed, or to whatever degree they were felt, she bore them with a patient resignation to the will of Him who afflicted her.

In the early part of last fall, the disease began gradually to approximate its worst state; and in addition to its other accompaniments, before mentioned, was now attended by an almost incessant and distressing cough. It was my impression that it had reached its crisis, about the beginning of February. From this period to her restoration, she was in a state of suffering, to convey a correct idea, of which, language is inadequate. It certainly was, incomparably greater than I had supposed the mere physical powers of our nature could sustain. The pain



from the lump in the side was communicated to the left arm, which it had disabled. About three weeks before her restoration, violent chills regularly came on, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of each day, and acting with the other symptoms greatly aggravated the disease. The vast quantities of feculent blood, which she cast up, led to the belief, that the whole interior of the stomach was ulcerated, if not in a state of mortification. It was often necessary to support her, sitting up in the bed, to prevent suffocation; and for this purpose, such was her debility, that it took two or three persons. Her appetite was entirely gone; taking nothing but laudanum to appease the pain, and small quantities of tea, (often administered from a tea spoon,) to abate a burning thirst. Frequently fainting from pain, and fatigue of coughing; and in this situation, she would remain a considerable time, without sensation or evincing any evidence of life, except a slight pulse. She was reduced to the very last extremity of life.

I was with her, for the last time in her sickness, on Monday morning, the 8th inst. having stayed with her through the the preceding afternoon and night, and on the succeeding Wednesday, about noon, I was again with her; she was then free from pain, experiencing no uneasy sensation in her side, stomach or arm; the voice and countenance restored to their natural tone and expression; all was placed in a state of perfect health. Emaciation and weakness alone remained; still she was strong enough to walk about the room, and converse with a great number of persons, without any apparent inconvenience to herself. She declared to me "that God had instantaneously restored her to health, at a quarter after four o'clock, that morning."

JAS. CARBERY,

*Washington, March 22d, 1824.*

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No. 9.

MR. LEWIS CARBERY.

On this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, personally appears before me, an assistant judge of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Columbia, Lewis Carbery, of the district aforesaid, who being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that early in the year eighteen hundred and seventeen, his sister, Mrs. Ann Mattingly, frequently complained to him of a severe pain in the left side of her breast and left arm, and showed this deponent a hard lump on the lower side of her left breast, which she described to be excessively painful. That some time after the commencement of this pain, Dr. Jones was called to examine the nature of her disease, who prescribed various medi-

cines and external applications, without any material effect. That, sometime during the year eighteen hundred and eighteen, this deponent, whose residence is some miles from the city of Washington, was sent for in haste, as it was thought that Mrs. Mattingly was then at the point of death, and on his arrival, he found his sister in an indiscribably awful situation: that she was vomiting corrupt and very offensive blood and matter, so that he was in the momentary expectation of witnessing her death, and on having to leave her late at night, he believed that he had received her last farewell. That he has, for a year after that time, visited his sister, two or three times a month, and sometimes as often in a week, and he always found her in a most distressing, and apparently a very painful situation, and that since that period he has not known her to be able to leave her room more than two or three times—then not without assistance, although she has for short periods been able to leave her bed, and occasionally to occupy a short time in sewing or knitting, and in this the family thought her imprudent. That he has always understood it to be the opinion of the physicians, who have visited her, or were consulted on the subject, that the disease of his sister was an internal cancer, and that they believed her case to be out of the reach of medicine. That for the six months before her recovery, she has had an almost incessant cough, which, at times, was so protracted as to leave her in a state of complete apparent exhaustion, and so distressing to this deponent, that he has often been compelled to withdraw from her chamber—and that those fits were always accompanied and followed by puking large quantities of corrupted blood, which often appeared to this deponent, to be strangling her, and that this vomiting and spitting of blood, were her constant attendants, through the whole six years of her confinement, and so frequent has this unaccountable disease exhibited its violence, that he cannot enumerate the number of times he has been sent for to witness her death. And that for about the last three weeks of her illness, when she seemed reduced to the very lowest extremity, she has been attacked with chills and fevers. That on Monday, the eighth of this month, this deponent was in his sister's room, nearly the whole day, and saw her during the afternoon so entirely divested of all signs of life, as to induce him to believe that she was dead. That she continued in this state for about ten or fifteen minutes, and on showing signs of life by a strangling, and being raised in the bed, a quantity of blood ran from her mouth. He further saith, that on Thursday, the 11th of this month, he visited his sister, at about nine o'clock in the morning, who met him at the door of her chamber, to his great joy and astonishment, with all the marks and appearance of being in perfect health; and except her want of flesh, without any



appearance or indication of her having been recently ill, and has continued apparently in the most perfect state of health, and says she is without pain or uneasiness in any way, and going about the house with the same apparent ease as the rest of the family.

JAMES S. MORSELL, [SEAL.]

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No. 10.

CAPTAIN JAMES HOBAN.

*City and County of Washington, } Sct.  
District of Columbia.*

On this 26th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1824, personally appears before me, a justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid, James Hoban, Architect of the President's house, an Alderman for the city of Washington, and one of the justices of the peace for the county aforesaid, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that he has been well acquainted with Mrs. Ann Mattingly, and intimate in the family of her brother Captain Carbery, Mayor of this city, with whom she has resided many years. That for the last five or six years, he has resided within about a quarter of a mile of her residence, and has frequently visited her during the illness with which she has, for that period, been afflicted. That from about the first week of August, to the nineteenth of December last, in consequence of one of his daughters being very ill, when on a visit in the family of Captain Carbery, and unable to be removed therefrom, this deponent was at Captain Carbery's almost every day, with the exception of about 14 days, when confined by sickness, and several times on some days; and that he, almost always on these occasions, saw Mrs. Mattingly; that she appeared, at times, in great agony, and had a violent cough and spitting of blood. That on the fourth day of this month, as this deponent believes, he was informed that Mrs. Mattingly had expressed a desire to see him, in compliance with which desire he visited her, in her chamber; that he found her then in a more deplorable state, if possible, than he had ever before seen her; and she appeared to be almost suffocated, struggling for breath, and almost deprived of life. That it was proposed, by a lady in attendance, to administer laudanum, but one of her sisters observed, that one hundred drops had been administered to her that morning, and one hundred more but a short time since, without producing any good effect. That this deponent having no hope of Mrs. Mattingly's being able to speak to him, withdrew, under the strong belief, that she could not long survive. Deponent further saith, that at an early hour, on the

10th day of this month, he was informed that Mrs. Mattingly was suddenly restored to perfect health, that he called to see her on the evening of the same day, and on entering her chamber, she took him by the hand, meeting him with a cheerful countenance and assured this deponent that she was in perfect health. That this deponent saw Mrs. Mattingly, on the seventeenth day of this month, down stairs, for the first time in five or six years, in a company of ladies and gentlemen in her brother's parlour, and that, on that and subsequent occasions, she presented to this deponent the appearance of a healthy woman.

Given under my hand and seal, the day and year as above written.

ENOCH REYNOLDS. [SEAL.]

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No. 11.

DR. WILLIAM JONES.

In the summer of 1817, I examined a tumour, seated in Mrs. Mattingly's left mamma, and was of opinion, at the time, that it partook of a schirrous character. Some months subsequent to this examination, I was called to visit her, and found her with pain in the side and breast. The tumour had become painful, and the pectoral muscle somewhat contracted. After prescribing for those symptoms several months, and the disease continuing to resist, I requested the attendance of Doctors Blake, and Schaaf; what their opinions were of the case, I do not recollect; but the treatment suggested by them, produced no improvement in the patient. During Mrs. Mattingly's illness, (but at what period, I am not prepared to state,) her complaint assumed a more formidable aspect; the stomach became irritable, and began to eject large quantities of blood; sometimes florid, but mostly grumous and fetid. When this last symptom presented, I was of opinion, that it was *vicarious*, and not until convinced by Mrs. Mattingly, that the functions of the uterus continued to be performed, (except when she was very much reduced,) did I abandon it.

Dr. M'Williams, who also visited her in consultation with me, and witnessed the continual discharge of blood, &c. was of opinion, that her case was hopeless, and simply advised the use of palliatives. I concurred, and having observed laudanum to mitigate her suffering more than any other medicine, directed its use to be continued *pro re nata*.

Notwithstanding our opinion, that the disease was not within the control of medicine, I continued to call occasionally, but had not done so for some months prior to the first instant, when I was particularly requested, by her brother, to see her. I found her labouring under incessant cough, and chill, every



afternoon; in addition to those symptoms, which I had been accustomed to see.

The Sulphate of Quinine was directed; but her attendants stated, that a very inconsiderable portion of it was retained; it was discontinued, and the laudanum, in large doses, repeated. I continued my visits to the 5th, and believing anodynes only indicated, did not see her again till Wednesday, the 10th; when, by the personal request of Capt. Carbery, (who assured me that my patient was cured,) I called, and to my great surprise and gratification, she met me at her chamber door, in apparent health.

I saw Mrs. Mattingly to day, and am happy to have it in my power to say that she continues well.

W. JONES.

*Washington, March 30th, 1824.*

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No. 12.

DR. ALEXANDER McWILLIAMS.

I believe it was in the year 1816 or 17, I was desired to see Mrs. Mattingly. She requested a candid opinion, as to the nature, and probable danger, of a deep seated tumour in her left breast, which she apprehended to be cancerous. After examining fully, and learning all the circumstances connected with the case, I gave it as my opinion, that although this was not at the time a cancer, yet it would be safe and advisable to have it extirpated, as in time it might become one.

After this, I did not again see Mrs. Mattingly until two or three years after, when I was requested to see her in consultation with Dr. Jones, the attending physician. At the time of our visit, her sufferings were apparently extreme, and gave every reason to conclude that the disease was making rapid progress on the internal organs, as nothing could be more offensive than the effluvia from her breath. The matter discharged by coughing, puking, and spitting, was so disagreeable, as to induce me to leave the room as soon as decency would permit.

I also observed a white handkerchief colored with blood, which was apparently discharged from her stomach.

On conferring with Doctor Jones, I freely gave it as my opinion, that her case was hopeless, and that palliatives were all that was left for this pious and excellent woman, in her languishing condition; in which opinion Dr. Jones fully concurred.

ALEXANDER McWILLIAMS.

*City of Washington, D. C. March 25, 1824*

## No. 13.

DR. NATHANIEL P. CAUSIN.

*Washington, D. C. March 24th, 1824.*

I hereby certify, that, during the last summer and autumn, from August to December, I almost daily visited a young lady, sick at the house of Captain Carbery, the present Mayor of this City, and brother of Mrs. Mattingly, who, I have been frequently informed by Dr. Jones, her physician, and others, has been seriously indisposed for the last five or six years, without much hope or prospect of recovery by her physicians; and that, during the time I was visiting at the house, I frequently witnessed the great distress and suffering of Mrs. Mattingly, having to pass the door of her room to enter that of my patient; and, occasionally, while below stairs, and indeed before entering the house, I was shocked at hearing the violent and distressing paroxysms of cough under which she was laboring. I was told by the family that this had been the case for many months, and that, during those paroxysms, she frequently, perhaps always, discharged a considerable quantity of blood by the mouth. From December last till the present month, I do not recollect to have seen or heard of Mrs. Mattingly's case. On the 10th instant I was informed by many persons, that she had on that day been suddenly restored to health, and was, on Saturday the thirteenth instant, invited by Doctor Jones, her physician, to visit her in company with himself, which I did, about noon. She, Mrs. Mattingly, appeared exceedingly cheerful, and remarked that she never felt better. Her person was reduced, but her countenance was sprightly indicating ease and harmony throughout the system. I was informed that for a long time she had in a great measure lost the use of her left arm, to which my attention was particularly drawn; and, at my request she threw this arm into a variety of attitudes, seemingly with, as much ease as the other. While in her room, the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson entered, and drew from his pocket a statement of facts, which he said was to be sent to Prince Hohenlohe, and read it aloud, requesting Miss R. Carbery, Mrs. Mattingly, and others who were present and had witnessed all the facts, as stated to have transpired during the morning of the 10th, if he had misstated or omitted any thing, to correct him. They all agreed that the statement he then held in his hand and had read in the presence of Dr. Jones, themselves, and myself, was formally and substantially correct,

NATHL. P. CAUSIN, L. M. C. F. M.



## No. 14.

DR. GEORGE A. CARROLL.

*Washington, April 3d, 1824.*

I hereby certify, that I accidentally saw Mrs. Mattingly at her brother's, some time last fall, and that she seemed to me to be then in a hopeless state of disease, and beyond the power of medical aid. I certify further, that I called this day to see her, and find her exhibiting no indication of disease whatever.

GEORGE A. CARROLL. M. D.

## No. 15.

DR. THOMAS C. SCOTT.

*Washington, D. C. April 24th, 1824.*

It being announced on Wednesday morning, the 10th ultimo, that Mrs. Ann Mattingly, a lady of this city, who had for the last seven years been the subject of a most painful and excruciating disease, had that morning been suddenly restored to health, I was induced to visit Mrs. Mattingly that evening, in company with several gentlemen. Previous to my visit I had been informed that Mrs. Mattingly was reduced so low that her death had been hourly expected for some time. On entering her room, I was struck with surprise to find her standing, engaged in a lively and cheerful conversation with several persons who had preceded me, evincing a system tranquil and harmonious in its operations, free from disease and suffering. The ravages of her sufferings were strongly marked by very considerable emaciation and a very pale countenance. I had been informed that she had for a long time labored under a violent and distressing cough, and that she had not used her left arm for several years, without producing great pain. Those were the two most prominent points that attracted my attention; and notwithstanding she had been engaged in conversation from early in the morning to the hour of my visit, about 8 o'clock, in detailing the history of her case, she was perfectly free from the slightest cough, and in the free exercise of that arm which had been so long useless from the great pain attending its use. Mrs. Mattingly assured me that she felt as well as she ever did, entirely free from her late sufferings, and as far as an opinion could be formed from her appearance, I considered her in perfect health, without the vestige of disease, except what has been previously mentioned. I have seen Mrs. Mattingly frequently since, and it affords me great pleasure to say that she has gained considerable flesh, and her complexion much improved. At our last interview she assured me that she was perfectly well, and had continued so since the day of her restoration.

THOMAS C. SCOTT, L. M.

## No. 16.

MRS. CHRISTIANA HOBBS.

*City and County of Washington, }  
District of Columbia. } Sct.*

*23d March, 1824.*

Personally appears before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, for the county and district aforesaid, Mrs. Christiana Hobbs, who, after

being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that she has been acquainted, for many years, with Mrs. Ann Mattingly, and that since her sickness, she has been for several months at a time with her—that she has, therefore, been an eye witness of the sufferings which she endured while laboring under this sickness—has frequently seen her puking up large quantities of blood, sometimes mixed with matter of the most fetid nature—and sometimes laboring under a most incessant and painful cough, with cramp in the stomach and limbs. She moreover deposeth, that she perceived and felt a lump on her left side, which she always represented as extremely painful. This deponent also states, that such was the violence of the pains which Mrs. Mattingly suffered, that she frequently believed she would not outlive the day, and at day that she would not live to see the night. That two days before her restoration to health, she saw Mrs. Mattingly, and found her, if possible, worse than she had ever seen her, and evincing every sign of a speedy dissolution. That by the request of the aforesaid Mrs. Mattingly, she united with others in performing a Novena, or nine days devotion, to the Sacred Name of Jesus, and continued to say it till the 10th inst. when at about 8 o'clock in the morning of that day, she received a letter from Capt. Thomas Carbery, conveying the pleasing intelligence, that, at a quarter after 4 o'clock, Mrs. Mattingly left her bed in the most perfect health.

DANL. BUSSARD. [SEAL.]

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## No. 17.

MISS JANE MARY ANDREWS.

*Washington City, May 5th, 1824.*

I have been acquainted with Mrs. A. Mattingly for a considerable time before her long protracted and distressing illness. I very frequently visited, attended on, and sat up with her, since the spring of 1818, from which period, she has been confined to the house and for months at a time to the bed. During these six years, she appeared to me to suffer more than I supposed it was possible for any constitution to sustain. Her disease was reputed to be an internal cancer, on the left side. I always understood that it was beyond the reach of medicine. Since the first year of her sickness she frequently vomited blood. For several months before her recovery, she had a most distressing cough, which was latterly accompanied with chills and fevers, and severe cramp in her breast and limbs. I frequently saw her faint, and seemingly at the point of death. Her pains, she told me, appeared chiefly to proceed from a lump on her left side. In fact, her case was considered as entirely hopeless. Her disease continued, with increasing severity, to the 9th of the month of March last. Understanding, on the morning of the 10th, that she had been suddenly, and in a most extraordinary manner, restored to perfect health, I visited her, and found her, to all appearance perfectly well, walking about the room, and cheerfully conversing with her numerous friends, and other persons, who had resorted to the house, to see her after her wonderful cure.

JANE MARY ANDREWS.

Sworn to before me, a Justice of the Peace for the city and county of Washington, the day and year above written.

JAMES HOBAN, [SEAL.]



## No. 18.

MRS. MARY H. FITZGERALD.

*Washington City, 3d April, 1824.*

I have been acquainted with Mrs. Ann Mattingly for about ten years; and though I have not had an opportunity of visiting or seeing her often since the commencement of her long and severe illness, I have heard from her frequently; indeed, almost every week, and sometimes every day or two, for weeks at a time. Several days before her sudden restoration to health, I called to see her; she was then, I supposed, as low as she could be; so much so, that I did not calculate on her living till the next day. On this visit, I found her in most distressing paroxysms of pain; spitting blood and very offensive matter. She also had a most distressing cough, with chills and severe cramp in the stomach. Her situation was so distressing to witness, that I retired from her room after some time, and did not see her again, till after I heard she was restored to health; when, on the same day (the tenth of March,) I paid her a visit; and to my great astonishment and satisfaction, I found her in apparently good health, perfectly cheerful, and conversing with her numerous friends.

MARY H. FITZGERALD.

Sworn to, before me, a Justice of Peace, for the County of Washington, in the District of Columbia, the day and year first above written.

JAMES HOBAN, [SEAL.]

## No. 19.

MRS. JANE ROSE.

*Navy yard, Washington City, March 26th, 1824.*

I, Jane Rose, in the presence of Almighty God, wishing to give a true statement of what I have been an eye-witness to, of the sufferings, humility, patience, and pious resignation of Mrs. Ann Mattingly, widow of the late John Mattingly, declare that I have known her to be afflicted for six or seven years, with the illness from which, it has pleased the Almighty to deliver her, on the 10th of this month. During that time, she has been chiefly confined to bed. She very often vomited blood and corrupt matter, which was occasioned, I believe, by her inside being totally ulcerated. At particular times, the violent efforts she was forced to make, to evacuate this blood, scared every body present, who expected every moment to see her suffocated. How often have I waited, in anxious expectation, to see her breathe her last! She was frequently afflicted with the most violent paroxysms of the cramp; and in addition to her other sufferings, she laboured for a great while before her restoration, under the most distressing cough, that can be imagined. It was most painful to see her; and whilst every body present, was drowned in tears, at the sight of her sufferings, she endeavored to console them, by remarking, what were her sufferings, to what our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ endured, through his mortal life, in atonement for our sins. She said the Almighty would relieve her when he thought proper; that she was resigned to his blessed will. Those words she spoke at intervals, when it was in her power to articulate; and I frequently had to put my ear close to her mouth, for she spoke in a tone so low, as to be scarcely perceptible. She always wished to have me near her, and I liked to be near her, for my own edification. I have many times, staid two or three weeks, even a whole month, at Capt. Carbery's with his sisters. My sisterly affection for their dear mother, the late Mrs. Mary Carbery, one

of the most amiable, charitable, pious, christian ladies, that I knew, made me entertain for them a maternal affection. However, my great age (being near seventy,) and my infirmities, prevented me from being with them, and especially with Mrs. Mattingly, as often as I could have wished.

JANE ROSE,

Sworn to, before me, on this 8th day of May, 1824.

C. H. W. WHARTON. [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

## No. 20.

MRS. ELIZA CASSIN.

*City and County of Washington, }  
District of Columbia, } Sct.*

On this 27th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1824: personally appears before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid, Mrs. Eliza Cassin, widow of the late Major Joseph Cassin, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that she has frequently visited Mrs. Ann Mattingly, sister of Thos. Carbery esq. Mayor of the city of Washington, during the last 6 years, particularly during the week immediately preceding, and only two days before her restoration to health; and always found her in a state of great apparent suffering, and sometimes in the utmost agony, that she has often been informed, that it was the opinion of her physicians, that her malady was incurable. That, for a few days previous to the tenth of the present month, this deponent was on a visit to a friend in the city of Washington, and on the 9th of this month, she sent a messenger to captain Carbery's, to inquire how Mr. Mattingly was, and she received for answer, that "she was as ill as she could be to be alive." That in consequence of this message, she went on the morning of the 10th, at about 10 o'clock, to captain Carbery's, in the expectation of finding Mrs. Mattingly dead or dying; but on arriving at the house, to her great astonishment and wonder she was told that Mrs. Mattingly was well. And that on this deponent's entering the chamber of Mrs. Mattingly, she found her on the bed, and shook this deponent by the hand; but before she left the house, saw her get up, and meet the clergyman at the door, and, except in her loss of flesh, had to this deponent the appearance of being in sound health, and in possession of a fine flow of spirits.

ELIZA CASSIN.

Sworn to, and subscribed before

WALTER NEWTON, [SEAL.]

## No. 21.

MISS MARIA ANN BOOTH.

*Washington City, March 24th, 1824.*

It is more than six years since Mrs. Mattingly was taken sick. When I first went to see her, she was lying to all appearances, lifeless; and her friends told me, they could only tell she breathed, by holding a glass to her face. I visited her very frequently in her sickness, and have seen her suffer more from violent pain, than any one I ever saw. I have conversed with her often, about her situation, and she has told me, she could not speak without its giving her pain. She always complained of her



left side, and said, it felt as if a cord was drawing her shoulder and side together. I visited her last spring, and she was then so ill, I could scarcely hear her speak. I did not see her again until November last; she had then a very distressing cough, but was better than she was in the spring. I also saw her in December. She was then able to walk from one room to the other; her cough still continued; she spit a great deal of blood, and told me that morning, she coughed and spit up quite a hard dry scab. I thought it impossible she could live much longer with such a cough. I did not see her while she was so low, as I was told she was, in February; but heard she continued to grow worse, till the morning of her wonderful recovery.

I went to see her the second day after she recovered, and found her apparently in perfect ease, without any cough; and the use of her left arm perfectly restored. I saw her again, last week, down stairs. She said she was quite well, and gaining strength daily.

MARIA ANN BOOTH.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 27th March, 1824.

SAM. N. SMALLWOOD, [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

## No. 22.

*Miss Eliza Miller, Miss Harriet Miller, Miss  
Louisa H. Berryman.*

*City and County of Washington, }  
District of Columbia, } Sec.*

Be it remembered, that on this 29th day of March, 1824, before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace, in and for said county, personally appear Miss Eliza Miller and Miss Harriet Miller, daughters of Maj. Thos. Miller, of this city, and late of Virg. and Miss Louisa Berryman, daughter of Newton Berryman esq. of the general Post Office Department, who depose and say, that they were introduced to Mrs. Ann Mattingly: Miss Berryman, about eighteen months ago, and the Misses Miller, about six months ago: that they now and then visited her, at the house of her brother, Capt. Thos. Carbery, Mayor of Washington, and always found her in a dreadful state of health: that they observed her puking blood and coughing in a most distressing manner, and heard her complaining of great pains in her side: in short, that they thought she could not possibly survive. They particularly depose and say, that, on the 9th of the present month of March, late in the evening, they all three paid a visit to Mrs. Mattingly, and were under the impression that she was in a dying condition; that Miss Eliza Miller and Miss Louisa Berryman, assisted in waiting on her, in a fit of fainting; and Miss Eliza Miller, once ran down stairs for the Rev. Mr. Matthews, believing that Mrs. Mattingly was at the moment of breathing her last. What they felt on the next morning, 10th, upon receiving the news that she was perfectly well, and themselves seeing her, at about 10 o'clock, actually in good health, they cannot describe.

ELIZA MILLER,  
HARRIET MILLER,  
LOUISA H. BERRYMAN.

Sworn and subscribed before me, the day and year first above mentioned.

JOHN N. MOULDER, [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

## No. 23.

MISS CATHARINE H. CLEARY.

*Washington City, April 19th, 1824.*

During the four weeks previous to Mrs. Mattingly's recovery, I saw her frequently, and from the extreme suffering she appeared to endure, it seemed impossible for her to survive without speedy relief, which seemed out of all human power to give.

She had a violent racking cough, enough to deprive the strongest frame of strength, attended by a constant vomiting of blood, which was sometimes so clotted as to appear like liver. She had entirely lost the use of her left arm, and she was reduced to the very verge of the grave. I saw her on the morning of the 8th of March, in the most agonizing pain, during which time, she swooned twice, in endeavouring to vomit, and was insensible so long, that I did not think she would ever recover.

I saw her again on the tenth of March, when her cough and every symptom of disease had left her, being the first day for six years she had passed without suffering excruciating pain. I have been frequently in Mrs. Mattingly's company, since the 10th of March, and she remains perfectly well to the present date.

CATHARINE H. CLEARY, of Virginia.  
Sworn before

JAMES HOBAN, *Alderman.*

## No. 24.

MRS. HARRIET DE LA PALME BAKER.

*District of Columbia, City and } Sect.  
County of Washington*

On this 24th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1824, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, for the county aforesaid, personally appears Mrs. Harriet Dela Palme Baker, aged about forty one years, the wife of John M. Baker, formerly consul of the U. States, at the Balearic Islands, &c. and now in the Department of State, who deposeth and saith, that she lived for six months, in the year 1822, next door neighbour to the family of Capt. Thos. Carbery, and frequently visited Mrs. Mattingly, the sister of Capt. Carbery, and observed her intractable illness, the cure of which, was considered as incontestibly beyond the power of medicine. That, at the request of Mrs. Mattingly, she put her hand on the tumour below the patient's breast, which she found to be a hard substance, very sensibly protuberant, and nearly of the size of an egg in extent. That in the summer of 1822, Mrs. Mattingly, who, she understood, had not left her room for several years, having been helped down stairs on an afternoon she, Mrs. Baker, assisted in helping her back again up stairs, which was not done without great difficulty, by three persons; and afterwards, she heard that Mrs. Mattingly had puked a great deal of blood, in consequence of that afternoon's exertion; that she, besides, remembers once seeing Mrs. Mattingly throw up the quantity, of at least a common tumbler full of corrupt blood, and on that occasion assisted her.

This deponent further saith, that she always was edified with Mrs. Mattingly's conversation and entire resignation, under her severe afflictions; that she joined in the prayers of the novena, as directed by the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson; and when, on Friday, the 12th of this month, returning from the country, she visited Mrs. Mattingly, and found her restored to perfect health, by so striking an effect of God's power, she could not forbear kneeling down in thanksgiving, and embracing Mrs. Mattingly in congratulation.

Sworn before

CHS. H. W. WHARTON.

*Justice of the Peace.*



## No. 25.

MR. CHARLES H. W. WHARTON.

*City and County of Washington,* } *Sct.*  
*District of Columbia.*

March 16th, 1824.

Personally appears before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court of the United States, for the said District, Charles H. W. Wharton, a Justice of the Peace for the county and district aforesaid, who after having been duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, depose and saith, that some time in the year 1821, he became acquainted with Mrs. Ann Mattingly, of this city; that, previous to this acquaintance, the deponent had been informed by the Rev. Mr. Matthews and others, that Mrs. Mattingly had been for some years confined to her room and bed, by a disease of a most extraordinary character, which caused the most torturing pains in the patient, and had baffled the skill of all her physicians. That, in consequence of this representation, the deponent was prepared to behold in Mrs. Mattingly all the consequences which a disease so violent and protracted is calculated to produce; but he declares, that when he saw Mrs. Mattingly, he found her in a much worse condition, than from the description of her case he had supposed she really was. She was in bed—racked, as it appeared to him, with intense pain—excessively emaciated in her face—and repeatedly throwing up mouthfuls of blood. From this time up to the 8th inst. deponent was in the habit of visiting her repeatedly, sometimes once or twice a week, for weeks together; but upon entering her room, about five or six weeks ago, her disease, it appeared to him, had put on a more formidable character than it had ever assumed, and was marked by those prognostics which usually portend dissolution. She was manifestly more exhausted than he had ever seen her—was throwing up mouthfuls of blood, and in addition to her other complaints, she informed the deponent, that she was every evening attacked with a severe chill, which racked her whole body, and under one of which, she was then suffering. This deponent further saith, that on Monday the 8th inst. he, for the last time, saw Mrs. Mattingly before her miraculous restoration to health. That she appeared to this deponent to manifest the most unequivocal signs of a speedy departure. Her voice was so weak, that deponent could hardly hear her utter a word, even tho' his ear was closely applied to her mouth. Her hands were cold, and she seemed to be rapidly approaching the last moment of her existence. Her cough, tho' much weakened, was almost incessant, and the blood which she threw from her stomach, was so fetid, as almost to render a station by her bed-side insupportable. In this situation, deponent left her, nor did he see her again until Wednesday evening, the 10th of this month, when he found her well. The deponent has visited her every day, from the 10th up to the 15th inst. and has found her quite well, walking about her house, and giving the most undeniable proofs of her perfect and, as he believes, most miraculous restoration to health.

Sworn to before me, at the city of Washington, the day and year above mentioned.

B. THRUSTON.

## No. 26.

MR. GEORGE SWEENEY.

*District of Columbia, City and* } *Sct.*  
*County of Washington.*

On this 20th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1824, personally

appears before me, an Alderman for the city, and one of the Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid, George Sweeny, principal clerk in the Post Office of the city of Washington, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, depose and saith: That he has been intimately acquainted with the family of Thomas Carbery, Esq. Mayor of the said city, and with Mrs. Ann Mattingly, the sister of the said Thomas Carbery, for several years; and that he has frequently been informed, within the last six years, as well by the members of the said family, as by many others who were in the habit of visiting the said Mrs. Mattingly, that the said Mrs. Mattingly was, during the whole of that period, of six years or more, up to the 10th of the present month, afflicted with a most distressing and painful malady, which had baffled the skill of her attending and consulting physicians, and which was repeatedly pronounced by them to be, in their opinion, incurable and out of the reach of medicine. That he has frequently visited at the house of the said Carbery, and, several times during the year last past, he has been in the chamber of the said Mrs. Mattingly, and that he always entertained the belief, that no human skill could restore her to health: That she appeared to him on those occasions to suffer excessive pain, and at the time of his last visit to her chamber, before her restoration to health, which, as this deponent thinks, was in the latter part of last November, she had such distressing fits of coughing, followed by her vomiting large quantities of blood, as to render his presence extremely painful to him. That he, several times during the last three weeks immediately preceding the disappearance of her disease, was informed that Mrs. Mattingly's situation had become worse than at any former period; and, on the eighth and ninth days of this month, this deponent learnt from most respectable persons, who had seen her on those days, that she had become so low as to cause her friends to apprehend her immediate dissolution. That having heard, on Wednesday morning, the tenth of this present month, that Mrs. Mattingly had been suddenly restored to perfect health, he visited her in company with Mr. Nathan Smith, of this city, at about nine o'clock, A. M.; and that upon his entering her chamber, she arose from the bed on which she was sitting, walked briskly across the floor to meet this deponent, and shook him heartily by the hand.

He further depose and saith, that he has visited the said Mrs. Mattingly almost every day since her restoration to health to the present date, and sometimes twice a day; that he has spent several hours at a time in her brother's house, where she resides, and has seen her frequently during such visits, that she has always had a cheerful countenance, and has conversed with the company present, freely, and without embarrassment, and that he has not been able to discover in her appearance any symptom of any disease or ill health whatever, or any vestige of her former malady, other than a general loss of flesh, which, however, as appears to this deponent, she is fast regaining.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year before written.

R. C. WEIGHTMAN. [SEAL.]

## No. 27.

THE REV. JOSEPH CARBERY.

I hereby certify, that my sister, Mrs. Mattingly, has been confined by severe sickness for five or six years. That during this period I have visited Washington three or four times, and always found her extremely ill. That I always left Washington with the impression that I should never see her again, believing, with those who knew her, that her case was incurable, and that she could not long survive; and that several times du-



ring my last visit, I thought that she was in the act of expiring. I saw her sixteen days before her cure.

St. Inigoes' Manor, March 22, 1824,  
St. Mary's County, Maryland.

JOSEPH CARBERY.

*State of Maryland, }  
St. Mary's County, } to wit:*

On this twenty-second day of March, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, personally appears the Rev. Joseph Carbery before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace of the said state, for the county aforesaid, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the above certificate as stated, is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

LEWIS SMITH.

## No. 28.

DR. JAMES W. ROACH.

*St. Mary's County, March 29th, 1824.*

I hereby certify, that I have several times seen Mrs. Mattingly, during the last six years; that I always found her sick, several times extremely ill. That I had reasons to believe she never would recover. I was astonished that she could survive so long, reduced as she was to such a state of debility.

JAMES W. ROACH, M. D.

## No. 29.

MR. JAMES M'WILLIAMS.

I have, for the last five or six years, visited the family of Thomas Carbery esq, Mayor of Washington City; and, when there, always saw Mrs. Ann Mattingly, who was sick; and when I saw her at last so much reduced, I was astonished to find that she lived so long, nor did I think that medicine could cure her.

*March 29th, 1824.*

JAMES M'WILLIAMS.

## No. 30.

MISS ELEANOR McWILLIAMS.

I have for five or six years past, once a year, visited Washington City; and when there, I went to see Mrs. Ann Mattingly, and found her much reduced from sickness; and the last time she was so weak that I could not understand what she said, unless I went to the bed to her, nor did I ever expect she would recover her health again.

ELEANOR McWILLIAMS.

*March 29th, 1824.*

*St. Mary's County, Sct.*

March 29th, 1824. Personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the state of Maryland, in and for the county as aforesaid, Dr. James W. Roach, James McWilliams, and Eleanor McWilliams, and each of them made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the foregoing certificates, as signed by themselves, are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn before

GEORGE McWILLIAMS, [SEAL]

## No. 31.

THE REV. ANTHONY KOHLMANN:

*City and County of Washington,* }  
*District of Columbia.* } Set.

On this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord 1824, personally appears before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid, the Rev. Anthony Kohlmann, of Prince George's county, in the State of Maryland, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that, whilst residing at Georgetown College, between five and six years ago, he became acquainted with Mrs. Ann Mattingly, who then was ill—that soon after, he was called to visit her, the Rev. Mr. Matthews being absent, and, as every body thought her at the point of death, he administered to her the Holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction; that, ever since that time, he has been intimate in the family of her brother, Capt. Thomas Carbery; and during his residence in the City of Washington, (from October, 1820, to July, 1823,) on his frequent visits, he often found Mrs. Mattingly vomiting a great deal of blood, with a mixture of matter resembling pieces of flesh, which threatened to suffocate her. That, once in particular, she described to him the tumour on her side, as so painful, that the softest linen, pressing on it, caused her the most acute pains, and such sufferings, as if sharp knives were constantly thrust into her body; and that, during the last six months, on his occasional, though pretty frequent visits from the country, he has seen her subject to fits of coughing, as if her whole frame would break into pieces, which it sickened him to witness. In short, that he can say he has seen her in a state of excruciating pain, with little or no abatement, for nearly six years.

Deponent further saith, that he was most earnest in inviting Mrs. Mattingly to have recourse to the prayers of Prince Alexander de Hohenlohe, as he was full of hope that her's was a case reserved by the Almighty for the manifestation of his extraordinary favors to his Church; that after it had been agreed upon, that she should do so, and unite in prayer with the Prince, on the 10th of the present month, of March, being informed by the Rev. Mr. Dubuisson of the day when the previous nine days devotion should begin, he joined in it; that, on the 9th of this month, he paid a visit to Mrs. Mattingly, late in the evening, and found her as low ever he had seen her—that to him she had all the appearances of a dying person—that her voice was so weak, that he had to apply his ear to her lips to distinguish her words, and she told him she could scarcely see or hear. That, notwithstanding, full of confidence, he told her: "all this is for the better;" and was greatly edified by the evidences which she gave of her faith and resignation. That, on the next morning, (the 10th,) he said mass, in the chapel of Georgetown College, at half after 3 o'clock, in union of intention with all the persons who performed the devotion—prayed with more than usual confidence, and cannot pretend to describe his feelings, when, in about an hour or two afterwards, he learnt that Mrs. Mattingly had been suddenly cured at 15 minutes after 4—and, about 9 o'clock, on the same morning, with his own eyes, beheld her restored to that health, of which it was so universally thought she was bereft for ever.

Finally, this deponent wishes it particularly to be recorded, as his invariable opinion, that from the state of excruciating pain in which he saw Mrs. Mattingly, for nearly six years, her sudden recovery fell hardly short of a resurrection from the dead, nothing indeed but divine Omnipotence.



ence being capable of reorganizing, into a perfect state of health, and in an instant, such a frame as hers was, the wreck of sickness and corruption.

ANTHONY KOHLMANN.

Sworn and subscribed before

WILLIAM THORNTON. [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

### No. 33.

#### THE REV. STEPHEN LARIGAUDELLE DUBUISSON.

I have had the honor of Mrs. Mattingly's acquaintance, (a sister of Captain Thomas Carbery, the present Mayor of Washington,) for more than two years. I habitually visited her, and always found her a prey to an inward illness, with which I was told, that she had been taken about six years ago. The symptoms which I witnessed, or frequently heard herself state, were the following:

She constantly felt excruciating pains in her chest, on the left side. It seemed as if her inside frame, in that part, were corroded by a cancer. She usually threw up blood and a mixture of corrupt matter, in such quantity, that it may well be said to have been by full bowls. Owing, no doubt, to that internal ulcer, her breath was extremely offensive, oftentimes she spoke to me of a red and hard spot, below her left breast, which at intervals threatened to break open. From the violence of the pains in her breast, she had lost the use of her left arm, so far as to have been unable to lift it up, or to use it in dressing, without assistance, for about six years. In her worst paroxysms, which lasted, not merely a few days, but whole weeks, and returned several times each year, it was impossible for her to take any substantial food whatever. She has spent so long as four weeks together, literally without swallowing any thing else than a few cups of tea or coffee. She then used to be reduced to that state of weakness, that she could not stir from her bed; and it was a subject of astonishment to all her friends, that she lived. Towards the last period, she experienced an increase of malady. She was taken about six months ago with a cough, which became worse and worse, and for the last six weeks was such, as to place her in imminent danger of expiring in the height of the fits. I do not recollect ever witnessing any thing like it, both for violence and the puking of blood with which it was attended. Finally, she was taken, a few weeks since, with chills and fevers. In short, so continual was the state of suffering of Mrs. Mattingly, that I remember only one period when she enjoyed some relief, and that but a temporary and very incomplete one; particularly for the few weeks immediately preceding her cure, she was in a sort of agony, which, I found, almost every body judged must have been the precursor of her departure from this world.

The physicians consulted on the case, or who attended, had declared that it was evidently out of the reach of medicine. Mrs. Mattingly has always been remarkably religious in her disposition: some of her friends suggested the step of applying to Prince Hohenlohe, for his prayers in her favour, as the power granted him from Heaven to cure suddenly diseases beyond the reach of human skill became daily more manifest. She did not ask it: her resignation was as great as her sufferings were acute: she agreed to it, however, as a means of recovery, in which she felt inclined to put great confidence. The Rev. Mr. Anthony Kohlmann was to write to the Prince. Capt. Thomas Carbery, on the occasion, in March, 1823, drew up a statement of Mrs. Mattingly's sickness in its origin and progress, which was confirmed, under signature, by Doctor Jones, her attending physician. Mr. Kohlmann was obliged to leave the city, to reside in Prince George's County, without having written to

the Prince. He knew that I intended to make application to the Prince for some other persons, and requested me to include Mrs. Mattingly in my list of petitioners—I promised to do so, but my professional duties, numerous and incessant, left me no leisure time, and the very delicate nature of the step caused in me an involuntary tendency to procrastination; so that, it was not until November last, that I spent an evening at Capt. Carbery's house, for the express purpose of writing there a letter to the priest, Prince Hohenlohe. I then penned a draught of a letter, which draught I now have among my papers; but I still delayed, and, finally my letter went only under date of the 2d of January last, enclosed in some other despatches, in the care of Mr. Petry, formerly the Consul General of France at Washington. I assuredly could not expect an answer from the Prince by this time.

In the beginning of February last, Mr. Kohlmann, returning from Baltimore, reported that the Rev. John Tessier, a Vicar General, of the Diocese of Baltimore, had received a letter from Prince Hohenlohe, stating that his Highness would offer up his prayers, on the 10th day of every month, at 9 o'clock A. M. for the benefit of those persons, living out of Europe, who wished to unite in prayer with him. It was immediately proposed, that Mrs. Mattingly should apply for the efficacy of the Prince's prayers, on the tenth of the same month of February last. But the Prince recommended a nine days' devotion, in honor of the *Name of Jesus*: I was of opinion, that this religious exercise must have been gone through, previously to the day appointed to pray in union with the Prince: I, therefore, invited Mrs. Mattingly to wait until the 10th of the present month of March. Meanwhile, impressed with a kind of awe, by the nature of the proceeding, I determined to act with the utmost circumspection. Accordingly, I wrote to the Rev. Mr. W. Beschter, in Baltimore, to obtain some more positive information. His answer fully satisfied me with regard to the existence of the letter on the part of the Prince, received in Baltimore, and likewise respecting several late striking cures in Holland. Not contented with those precautions, I would have the approbation of the head Pastor of the Diocese, Archbishop Marechal, before taking upon myself to direct the infirm persons alluded to, in their devotions, in such a step, as an application for their cure from Heaven, through the efficacy of the prayers of Prince Hohenlohe, a Roman Catholic Priest, residing upwards of 4000 miles from this place, and at the precise time of prayers in union with him. I consequently wrote to Archbishop Marechal, whose answer confirmed the information which I had already received, communicated various directions on the mode of proceeding, and graciously promised his joining in prayer with us, on the appointed day, 10th of March instant.

I owe it to the truth, to say, that I then should have been unjustifiable in my own eyes, had I not directed, assisted, countenanced, Mrs. Mattingly and a few more persons similarly situated, in their call upon Heaven; and that, if I had delayed so long, it had by no means been from distrust, for I had not the least doubt left on my mind, concerning the miraculous cures obtained by Prince Hohenlohe's prayer in Europe, and I entertained a lively hope, that Heaven would grant us also some favor of that kind.

We, therefore, entered upon the preparatory exercises of devotion. According to the directions which I had gathered from various sources, we proceeded as I am going to state.

The novena, i. e. nine days devotion, in honor of the *Name of Jesus*, began on the 1st day of March, so as to be concluded previously to the 10th. It consisted of the Litany of the holy *Name of Jesus*, with some other prayers, such as the Acts of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Contrition, and the short ejaculation: *Lord Jesus! may thy name be glorified!*



In order to pray, as much as possible, in union of hearts, at the very same time, it was agreed upon, that those religious exercises should be performed, every morning of the novena, precisely at sun-rise. The relations and most intimate acquaintance of the infirm persons joined in the devotion, and I spoke, or wrote, to many of my co-laborers, and also several other religious persons, inviting them to join in prayer with us, particularly on the morning of the 10th. I imagine, that the number of those who, in this country, thus implored Heaven, for the favor alluded to, in union with Prince Hohenlohe and his own friends in Germany, was nearly two hundred.

During the course of the novena, Mrs. Mattingly was desperately ill. I saw her on the 29th of February, and 7th and 9th of March, always confined to bed, and frequently in those fits of coughing and vomiting of blood, which looked very much like her last struggles with death. When I left her, on the 9th, at about half past 10 o'clock at night, she was worse than ever, and there was an expression of gloom upon all physiognomies in the family.

The essential conditions required by the Prince, on the part of the infirm, are a lively faith, an unrestricted confidence of being favorably heard, deep sorrow for sins, and an immoveable purpose (to use the literal translation of his own words) of leading an exemplary life; a novena, in honor of the *Holy Name of Jesus*; the reception of the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist, and prayers in union with him, at the appointed time.

The time appointed by the Prince, for persons residing out of Europe, is, as above stated, the 10th of each month at 9 o'clock in the morning. In consequence of the difference of longitude between this continent and Germany, the difference in the rising of the sun is about six hours; so that here, 3 o'clock after midnight, is about the corresponding hour to 9 in the morning, at Bamberg, where the Prince usually resides. I therefore requested the families to be up, and at prayers from 2 o'clock, and the Rev. Mr W. Matthews, the Rector of St. Patrick's church, being Mrs. Mattingly's confessor, heard her confession, on the evening of the 9th, that she might be in readiness to receive the adorable Eucharist early next morning.

I celebrated mass, in St. Patrick's church at half past 2 o'clock, and afterwards carried the Blessed Sacrament to Mrs. Mattingly, at her brother Capt. Carbery's house. On my arrival, she was in the same state of extreme weakness and suffering, and a paroxysm of her cough, which came on, made me almost apprehensive lest she might be prevented from receiving communion, but it proved of very short duration. This was the hour of expectation.

I dispose every thing according to the rites of our church. A small towel was to be put under her chin: she would help to fix it, but finds herself unable to lift up her arm. I address her with very few words of encouragement—telling her, that the best possible exhortation for her, was the very letter of Prince Hohenlohe's directions, which I read to her. I then give her the Holy Communion. There were some consecrated hosts left in my pix. I shut and wrap up the whole—give the usual blessing to the family (there were five persons in the room, relatives or friends)—and kneel down before the Blessed Eucharist, previous to taking it with me on retiring: when, behold! Mrs. Mattingly fetches a deep sigh—rises slowly to the sitting position—stretches her arms forward—joins her hands—and exclaims, with a firm, tho' somewhat weak, voice: "Lord Jesus! what have I done to deserve so great a favor" The emotion, the affright of the persons in the room, is betrayed by sobs and tears, and half suppressed shrieks.—I rise, with a

thrill through my whole frame—step to the bed side—she grasps my hand;—"Ghostly Father!" she cries out, "what can I do, to acknowledge such a Blessing. My first, my spontaneous expressions are: "Glory be to God!—we may say so! oh! what a day for us!" I then, bid her say what she felt: "Not the least pain left."—"None there," said I, pointing to her breast?—"not the least—only some weakness." I ask her how she has come to be relieved. She had felt as if she were dying from excess of pain—had offered up a short prayer of the heart to *Jesus Christ*—and instantly had found herself freed from all sufferings whatever.

"I wish to get up," she exclaims "and give thanks to God on my knees." "But" I replied, "can you?" "I can, if you will give me leave." Her sisters immediately look for her stockings (she used to lie in bed, nearly dressed)—but upon my observing that our very first occupation should be to give thanks, we kneel down, she remains sitting in her bed—and all recite three times the *Lord's prayer*, with the *Hail Mary*, and *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost*, as also, the short ejaculatory prayer, *Lord Jesus may thy name be glorified!* She joins with continued firmness of voice—(I then looked at my watch. It was 22 minutes after four. I accordingly estimated that the cure had been effected at about 15 minutes after 4.) Directly after, her stockings are brought—she is surrounded by her friends—gets up, and walks, unassisted, and with steady deportment, to the table, dressed in the shape of an altar, on which the Blessed Eucharist lay—there bends her knees, and remains for a while lost in an act of adoration.

I confess, that the impression upon my soul was so profound at the sight of the whole scene, but particularly of this last circumstance, that I do not think it could have been more so, had I seen Mrs. Mattingly dead and raised to life again. In the habit of finding her perpetually in bed or on a sofa, racked with pains, spitting—vomiting blood—when, at once, in the sudden transition of one minute to another, I saw her rise up, stand, walk, kneel down, and speak with words, and a tone of voice which denoted soundness of mind as well as of body—I underwent I believe, the very same sensation, as if I had seen her rise out of the coffin. There was especially in her look and features, something, which I shall not undertake to depict—an expression of firmness, and of earnest awful feelings, the recollection of which it will be my consolation to preserve through life: O Faith in Jesus Christ! those are thy effects

As I had to hurry on to another sick person's house, I left Mrs. Mattingly about 10 minutes after her cure. I immediately determined upon going on the same day, to Baltimore, to be myself the bearer of the important news to our venerable prelate, Archbishop Marechal. But multiplied engagements detained me until eleven o'clock. Then, on the point of leaving Washington, I went down in company with the Rev. Mr. Matthews to see Mrs. Mattingly again. She came and met us at the door, knelt down to receive her pastor's blessing; in short, looked and acted as one perfectly restored to health, who has only more strength and flesh to recover.

We are now, on the 17th of March, seven days, therefore have elapsed since her cure. She is daily acquiring strength, as is witnessed, I may say, by the whole city, which flocks to Capt. Carbery's house in order to see her. Doctor Jones, her physician, has examined her, and found no vestige of the species of red tumor which she had on her side, nor any sign whatever of ill health; a very remarkable trait; as also the following, which several of her friends have been able to ascertain. Previous to her so sudden recovery, her breath, as I mentioned before, was



extremely offensive—from that moment, all kinds of unpleasant effluvia from her stomach have been dispelled; and she declares that she constantly has a taste like that of loaf sugar in her mouth.

Whilst in Baltimore, on the 11th, I hastily drew up, in French, a provisional account of this glorious event for Prince Hohenlohe, and left it with the Rev. W. Beschter, Pastor of St. John's Church, to be forwarded by the first opportunity. I deemed that step a duty of gratitude to the truly blessed man, whom the Almighty thus makes the instrument of his wonders for the benefit of mankind; as I now feel it a sacred part incumbent upon me to procure authenticity and notoriety to this deposition, in order that God may be praised in his works; a deposition to which I swear on the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, with full certitude of accuracy, and which, I trust, I would subscribe with my own blood.

STEPHEN LARIGAUDELLE DUBUISSON.

*City of Washington, 17th March, 1824.*

*District of Columbia,*  
*County of Washington.* } *Sct.*

Be it remembered, that on this 17th day of March, 1824, before the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace, in and for the said county, personally appears the Rev. Stephen Larigaudelle Dubisson, Assistant Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, in the City of Washington, who being sworn according to law, makes oath that the foregoing statement, subscribed by him, and any matter and thing therein contained is true. Witness my hand,

JOHN N. MOULDER, [SEAL.]  
*Justice of the Peace.*

### No. 34.

Mrs. Ann Mattingly, from St. Mary's County, state of Maryland, has been a respectable and pious member of my congregation for about fourteen years. The inveterate disease, of which she was lately cured, commenced in the year 1817. In the spring of the ensuing year, it assumed a very alarming appearance; she was considered to be in danger of death, and received the rites of the church as a dying person. Her complaint was a pain in the left side, which caused constant spitting and frequent vomiting of blood, followed by great debility, and sometimes cramps in the breast. She told me she also experienced a most acute and incessant pain, from a lump on her left side, of considerable magnitude, which was quite hard, and inflamed, and which deprived her of the use of her left arm: She had recourse to various remedies to bring the lump to a head, or to scatter it, but in vain; it continued hard and undiminished, till the moment of her cure. During the five first years of her illness, I visited her two or three times a month, and sometimes oftener; but during the last year, I visited her regularly once a week to receive her confession, and give her communion. Although her pains were not equally excruciating, yet, as she told me, she never enjoyed a moment's cessation of them. During the five or six last months of her illness, she was afflicted with a most distressing and obstinate

cough, and for several weeks preceding her cure, with chills and fevers every afternoon. During the course of her painful and long protracted malady, she apparently suffered more than I thought a mortal frame could endure, and with heroic fortitude and edifying resignation. I never heard her utter a complaint—she never showed any solicitude to regain her health, her prayer was as she told me, that the will of God might be done in her. During the first nine days of March, she performed a novena, or nine days devotion, to the sacred Name of Jesus, which was to be concluded by receiving communion on the tenth. On the 9th therefore, I visited her at night to hear her confession, preparatory to her going to communion in the morning. Whilst I remained near her, she appeared to suffer most excruciating pains; twice she had cramps in her breast; her expectoration seemed extremely painful and difficult; her voice was very low—hardly audible. They moistened her lips and tongue four or five times while I remained, with cold water in a tea spoon. I proposed to give her laudanum, her sister observed she had already taken two hundred and fifty drops during the evening. I left her at about half after ten o'clock, apparently in the jaws of death. Rev. Mr. Dubuison who said mass very early in the morning, gave her communion a little after 4 o'clock, and immediately hurried back, to inform me that she was instantaneously restored to perfect health after receiving the blessed sacrament. I went down to Capt. Carbery's to view the astonishing event. When I arrived, Mrs. Mattingly opened the door! with a smiling countenance, shook my hand. Although prepared for this meeting, I could not suppress my astonishment at the striking contrast produced in her person in a few hours; my mind had for years associated death, and her pale emaciated face; a thrilling awe pervaded my whole frame: from that day, to the present date, Mrs. Mattingly assures me she has enjoyed perfect health.

WILLIAM MATTHEWS.

*Rector of St. Patrick's Church.*

May 18, 1824.

Sworn to before

JAMES HOBAN [SEAL.]

*Justice of the Peace.*

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